BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL WORKSHOP/UTILITY MEETING
April 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter § 551, the City Council of Bastrop, Texas held a Special Workshop/Utility Meeting on the aforementioned date at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers located at 1311 Chestnut Street in Bastrop, Texas to consider the following matters:

A. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Terry Orr called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. A quorum was present: Council Members Dock Jackson, Kay Garcia McAnally, Willie De La Rosa, Ken Kesselus, and Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Beal.

B. ADJOURN THE SPECIAL UTILITY MEETING – At 6:31 pm, Mayor Terry Orr adjourned the Special Utility Meeting and convened into a Utility Workshop Session. He welcomed everyone and stated that he likes to keep the meeting a little less formal than the Regular City Council Meeting and he welcomes public comments and participation. He introduced City Manager Mike Talbot who began the dialogue on the following agenda item.

1. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A POTENTIAL WATER SUPPLY FROM THE INGRAM WATER WELL PROPOSAL FOR THE CITY OF BASTROP AND ITS POTENTIAL FUNDING BY THE BEDC.
Mayor Orr stated that the discussion at hand was with regard to a verbal proposal brought forth to the City Manager. Mayor Orr invited Council Member DeLaRosa and Mayor Pro-Tem Beal's opinion.

Council Member DeLaRosa and Mayor Pro-Tem Beal were in agreement on the Council's diligent effort to obtain another water source. Council Member DeLaRosa stated that dependent on the outcome of this evenings meeting, Mr. Clay Ingram may need to follow up with a written proposal.

Mayor Orr interjected and stated that about 3 years ago, the citizens gave the EDC the latitude to fund such projects. Mayor Orr invited the Council Members input. Mayor Pro-Tem Beal acknowledged there was a good offer on the table for a "*stand alone water source.*"

An in-depth discussion was held amongst the Council; Council Member Jackson summarized the discussion stating that the City would pay a one-time payment of $200,000 and ten (10) annual payments of $60,000. Council Member McAnally added that the proposal seemed like a good deal but she wanted to consider other factors because she still had some concerns. Chairman for the Economic Development Board confirmed their willingness to support and provide the funding for the ten annual payments of $60,000; he noted that the Economic Development Board would need to vote on a specific deal and added that he was in attendance to express support to the City on the Board Members behalf. Council Member McAnally thanked the Economic Development Board for their support.

Mayor Orr stated that the City needed to have options on water rights, which would enable a future Council to have options on the City's water supply. Mayor Orr acknowledged Mayor Pro-Tem Beal as the originator for the need of a 30-40 year water supply… "*that was his vision.*"

Council Member McAnally expressed her concern that the proposal being considered may intercede with the purchase of water rights from XS Ranch. Council Member Kesselus thanked Council Member DeLaRosa for going above and beyond the call of duty on his continued efforts. Council Member McAnally echoed the comment.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Orr stated that he believes in options and he sees this as an excellent opportunity.

C. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN A CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER §551, ET SEQ. No executive session held.

D. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SPECIAL UTILITY MEETING TO DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND/OR TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY RELATED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTED HEREIN, OR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, NOTES ABOVE, AND/OR RELATED ITEMS.

At 7:26pm, Mayor Terry Orr adjourned the Utility Workshop Session and reconvened back into the Special Utility Meeting. Mayor Orr stated that the Council needed to ask if this as a prudent choice for water in 2025 and proceeded by asking if there was any action to be taken from the Workshop Session.

MOTION - Mayor Pro-Tem Beal made a motion to instruct the City Manager to receive from Mr. Ingram only, a written proposal to transfer ownership from the Ingram Land to the city, which includes two test wells and the water rights for the initial payment of $200,000 and ten (10) annual payments of $60,000. Further instruction for the City Manager is to enter into an agreement with the Economic Development Corporation who will make the ten (10) annual payments of $60,000.

SECOND – Council Member Willie DeLaRosa seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED – Unanimous vote of 5-0.

E. ADJOURN - Council Member Dock Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Willie DeLaRosa, meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

APPROVED: _____
Terry Orr, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Elizabeth Minerva Lopez, City Secretary